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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY RATE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the present maternal and infant mortality rate; and

(b) the rank of India vis-Ã -vis other countries in the world in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) As per the latest survey report of Registrar General of India (RGI- SRS 2001-03) published in the year 2006, the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) for India is 301 per 100,000 live births. As per the latest SRS estimates (2006), the IMR for India is 57 per 1000 live births. MMR and IMR for India and state wise are at Annexure I and II respectively.

(b) As per the "Estimates of Maternal Mortality developed by WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and World bank, in the publication, 'Maternal Mortality in 2005' 45 countries have an MMR higher than that of India. A list of these countries along with their MMR is at Annexure III.

As per the UNICEF publication "State of the World's Children, 2008" 51 countries have an IMR higher than that of India. A list of countries with ranking as per their IMR is at Annexure IV.